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BOROUGH OF LLANIDLOES.  
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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT  
for the year ending December 31st, 1954.  
(Including Sanitary Inspector's Report).  
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M.S.I.A.  
Town Hall,  
Llanidloes.



## HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman. Alderman H.N.Meredith.

Councillors E.D.Vaughan-Jones (Mayor).  
H.J.B.Watkins.  
T.W.Benbow.  
E.Williams  
W.E.Jones.

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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF  
LLANIDLOES.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health and sanitary conditions of your Borough for the year 1954. It is arranged in accordance with the instructions contained in Welsh Board of Health Circular 28/54.

### Staff.

The Council was unfortunate in losing the services of Mr.S.G.Gittins the Sanitary Inspector in November 1954 after loyal service to the Council for some seven years. However the Council was able to appoint Mr.J.Ll.Williams as Sanitary Inspector/Surveyor and he took up duties on March 1st, 1955. I have every confidence in Mr.Williams' ability to carry out his work in an efficient manner and from my short experience of working with him I am convinced of his loyalty and painstaking attention to duty.

I would like to express my thanks to Mr.Grimes, the Finance Officer, who was a great help to me during the period when we were without a Sanitary Inspector.

My thanks are also due to the Town Clerk and to the County Medical Officer of Health, both of whom give invaluable assistance and advice on many and varied subjects.

To the Health Committee I must give my appreciation for the keen interest they take in matters concerning the Public Health of the Borough.



Mr. Mayor and Members, I have the Honour to be

Your obedient servant,

AMELIA EVANS.

June, 1955.



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# VITAL STATISTICS.

(Based on the Registrar-General's Mid Year Estimate.)

	1954	1953
Area in acres	617	617
Population	2330	2323
Ratable Value	£9,623	£9,178
Sum represented by penny rate	£33-3-11d	£32-0-9d.

## Population changes since 1921 Census

1921 Census.		1931 Census.		1951 Census.	
Pop.	%County Pop.	Pop.	%County Pop.	Pop.	%County Pop.
2519	4.91	2356	4.86	2341	5.09

## Live Births.

	1954.			1953.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total	18	11	29	13	13	26
Legitimate	18	11	29	13	12	25
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	1	1
Birth rate per 1000 Pop.						
For Llanidloes		12.44			11.19	
For Urban Areas in the County		14.96				
For Montgomeryshire		15.50			16.06	

## Still Births.

There were no still births in the Borough in 1954 and in the County as a whole there were 16 still births out of a total of 699 births.

## Infant Mortality.

There were no deaths of infants under the age of one year. This is the third year that this has occurred.

The infant mortality rate - deaths per 1000 live births of infants under one year in 1954 in the urban districts of the County was 15 and in the whole County this rate was 26.





Deaths.

	1954			1953		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
All ages	24	21	45	14	20	34
Deaths rate per 1000 Pop.						
For Llanidloes		19.31			14.64	
For Urban Areas		12.69				
For Montgomeryshire		12.33			12.39	

Age at Death - All Causes.

	1954			1953		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
0-1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-5	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-	0	0	0	0	2	2
35-	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-	2	2	4	0	3	3
55-	2	2	4	1	3	4
65-	8	4	12	6	5	11
75-	10	9	19	5	6	11
85 and over	2	4	6	2	1	3
	24	21	45	14	20	34



Causes of Death.

	1954.			1953.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	0	1	2	1	3
Other tuberculosis	0	1	1	0	0	0
Syphilitic disease	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal infections	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acute poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, Stomach,	2	0	2	0	1	1
" " Lung, bronchus	2	0	2	0	0	0
" " Breast	-	1	1	-	1	1
" " Uterus	-	1	1	-	0	0
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	1	2	3	0	3	3
Leukaemia	0	1	1	0	0	0
Diabetes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	6	8	3	3	6
Coronary disease (angina)	8	3	11	1	4	5
Hypertension with heart disease	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other heart disease	1	1	2	4	2	6
Other circulatory disease	2	1	3	0	1	1
Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	1	1	2	0	0	0
Bronchitis	1	1	2	2	1	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ulcer of stomach, duodenum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nephritis, nephrosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hyperplasia of prostate	0	-	0	2	-	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	0	0	-	0	0
Congenital malformations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other defined and ill- defined diseases	1	2	3	0	2	2
Motor Vehicle accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other accidents	1	0	1	0	0	0
Suicide	0	0	0	0	1	1
	24	21	45	14	20	34



### TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases notified in 1953. 5.

New cases notified in 1954. 4.

Males. 3. ages 55, 68 and 73 years.

Female. 1. age 22 years.

All were cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

Cases taken from the register in 1954. 5.

Died. 2. (1) Male age 73 with pulmonary tuberculosis first notified in 1954.

(2) Female age 65 with tubercular spine first notified in 1950.

Recovered. 3. (1) Male with pulmonary tuberculosis notified in 1932 when aged 13 years.

(2) Male with pulmonary tuberculosis notified in 1946 when aged 19 years.

(3) Female with pulmonary tuberculosis notified in 1950 when aged 22 years.

Total of cases on register at the end of 1954 - 34.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The diseases which are notifiable are:-

Scarlet fever, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, measles, diphtheria, acute pneumonia, dysentery, small pox, encephalitis, typhoid fever, paratyphoid fever, erysipelas, meningococcal infection, food poisoning and puerperal pyrexia.

No notification of any infectious disease was received in 1954, and if this is a true reflection of the conditions existing then the health of the Borough has been excellent.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH.

Ambulance. The local service consists of the St. John Ambulance and is responsible to the Ambulance Committee of the County Council Health Committee. Telephone Llanidloes 381. Sitting car service - all requests to County Health Offices, Newtown. Telephone Newtown 205.



Children's Officer. The Children's Officer is:-

Mr. S.M. Parsons, appointed in May 1955.  
Children's Department,  
County Offices, Welshpool. Telephone Welshpool 228.

The Children's Reception Home.  
12, Bronwylfa,  
Welshpool. Telephone Welshpool 109.

Domiciliary Midwifery and Home Nursing. The Borough is served by Sister R.E. Jones, Dudley House, Llanidloes. Telephone Llanidloes 244.

Home Help Service. The Home Help Service still continues to provide help in cases on application to the Supervisor:-

Mrs R. Goodwin,  
County Health Department,  
Newtown. Telephone Newtown 205.

This is an invaluable service providing domestic help for the aged, infirm, during home confinements and in other cases of illness.

Care of the Aged. This service is provided by the Welfare Department of the County Council. Llanidloes is indeed fortunate in having a residential home for the aged at Dol-llys which is most beautifully situated with extensive views of the Severn Valley.

Hospitals. Llanidloes is in the Mid Wales Management Committee Area which is based on Aberystwyth. The Llanidloes War Memorial Hospital has 16 beds, 4 of which are for midwifery.

Sanatoria. From this area patients are admitted to the local Hospital and to the Chest Hospital at Machynlleth and to Talgarth Sanatorium.

Laboratory Service. Use is made of the laboratory service in the bacteriological examinations of regular samples of the Borough's water supply.

The laboratory is at the Cardiganshire General Hospital, Aberystwyth. Telephone Aberystwyth 216.





Maternity and Child Welfare. The County Council is responsible for this Service.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held on the second and last Wednesdays of each month in the afternoon at the Assembly Rooms at the Station. Here valuable advice is given to mothers on feeding problems and the general care of babies and young children.

Diphtheria immunisation is carried out and protection against whooping cough is also offered at the Clinic. Very few cases of diphtheria are notified these days and this is due to immunisation. It is therefore important that a high rate of immunisation should be maintained.

Tuberculosis. The service is controlled by the Regional Hospital Board.

Dr.G.O.Thomas, the Chest Physician, holds clinics at the local Hospital on the Saturday before the last Tuesday in each month at 10.30 a.m.

Vaccination. In the Borough vaccination is carried out by the local General Practitioners.

Lymph for vaccination against small pox can be obtained from the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff.

Veneral Diseases. Clinics are held:-

(a) 1, Belmont, Shrewsbury:-

Men: Tuesdays and Fridays. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Women. Mondays and Wednesdays. 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

(b) The Dispensary, Brook Street, Oswestry:-

Men: Thursdays 1 - 2 p.m.

Women: Thursdays 2 - 3 p.m.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply. The water supply has been satisfactory, both in quality and quantity. Monthly samples submitted for bacteriological examination proved to be highly satisfactory with no free chlorine detected.

Drainage and Sewerage. Drains and sewers have been working satisfactorily, and a scheme of improvements to the sewage disposal works and a sewage pumping station near the Long Bridge was commenced.

Public Cleansing. House refuse is collected weekly and a new refuse tip at Penpontpren, Cwmbelan, has been commenced. The number of houses from which refuse is collected is 910. Scavenging of Borough Roads has been satisfactory.

Shops and Stalls. Regular attention has been paid to premises where food is prepared and sold, with little cause for complaint.

Number of inspections made was 78.

Butchers shops with manufacturing premises .....	2.
Butchers shops and stalls .....	6.
Fish and Chip shops .....	2.
Ice Cream .....	5.
Fishmongers .....	2.

### DAIRIES.

Number of Retailers supplying T.T.Milk .....	2.
" " " " Pasteurised Milk ...	1.

### SCHOOLS.

One Primary and bi-lateral.

Number of inspections made 16.



## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA FOR NUISANCES.

Inspections made .....	153.
Nuisances found .....	38.
Dirty houses .....	4.
Drains choked .....	12.
Drains defective .....	3.
W.C's defective .....	11.
Accumulations of refuse .....	2.
Overcrowding .....	2.
Informal notices served for abatement .....	9.
"          "          complied with .....	9.
Statutory Notices served .....	Nil.

## FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Number of Factories registered .....	18.
"      "   Workshops      "      .....	12.
"      "   Workplaces     "      .....	Nil.
"      "   Factory Bakehouses .....	3.
"      "   other          "      .....	3.
"      "   Inspections made .....	57.
"      "   defects or nuisances found .....	Nil.
"      "      "      "      "      remedied .....	Nil.

## HOUSING REPORT.

42 traditional houses were completed during the year under review and 7 were under construction.

Plans for a further 14 traditional houses and 8 flats are being drawn up.

## MARKETS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Markets under Council Control.....	1.
Private Slaughterhouses .....	1.

Both are inspected weekly.

The Slaughterhouse was returned to the Owner by the Ministry of Food after de-control.

All animals slaughtered are inspected on the same day.



CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNATIONS.

	Cattle.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed	318	31	66	3734	517
" inspected	309	31	63	3630	517
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	0	1	15	6
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	50	9	2	77	14
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than T.B.	13.59	29.0	4.8	2.53	3.88
Tuberculosis only:-					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	4
Percentage of number inspected affected with T.B.	Nil	16.1	Nil	Nil	0.8

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the transparency and accountability of the organization. This section also outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data, ensuring that the information is reliable and up-to-date.

2. The second part of the document focuses on the implementation of the proposed system. It details the steps involved in the rollout, from initial testing to full-scale deployment. This section also addresses potential challenges and provides strategies to overcome them, ensuring a smooth transition to the new system.

3. The third part of the document discusses the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the system. It highlights the importance of regular reviews to assess the system's performance and make necessary adjustments. This section also includes a timeline for the next steps and a list of responsible parties.

4. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and conclusions. It reiterates the importance of the proposed system and the steps taken to implement it. This section also includes a list of recommendations for future work and a closing statement.

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